

*An act relating to Crimes and Punishments.*

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Section 1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any person who shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, any letter or paper writing, containing a request that any other person may pay or deliver any money, goods, or other thing of value, on or for the account of any person referred to, in or by such letter or paper writing, with intent to defraud; or any person who shall knowingly and fraudulently obtain any money, goods, or other thing of value, by means of any such letter or paper writing; or any person who shall knowingly and fraudulently utter or publish any such letter or paper writing; shall upon conviction thereof, be confined in the penitentiary house of this state, for a term not less than two years nor more than ten years for each and every offence.

Counterfeiting orders, letters, &c.

Or obtaining goods &c. thereby.

Or uttering the same.

Penalty.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That when any infant under the age of fifteen years, shall be convicted of any indictable offence, other than some malicious felony, the court before whom such conviction shall take place, shall have full power and authority to suspend sentence upon such convicted party, and bind the same to a master or mistress, whether resident within or without this state, or to procure other employment for the same, in or out of this state, and to compel such infant to comply with the terms of their judgment in the premises: *Provided however*, that no binding as aforesaid, shall be for a term extending beyond the age of sixteen years in females and twenty one years in males, and that the infant be not bound to any service in the county within which he or she shall have been convicted.

Case conviction of persons under 15 years of age.

Court may bind out.

Limitation.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the several courts of this state having jurisdiction of crimes and offences, may in cases where recognizances to prosecute have been entered into, and before presentment or indictment found, upon the motion of the attorney general or his deputy, with the consent of the parties injured and accused, compromise any assault and battery, the party accused paying the same costs as would have been incurred by the finding of a true bill and plea of guilty, *Provided*, that such courts shall consider it proper in reference to the peace of the state so to do.

Courts authorised to compromise cases of assaults and batteries in certain cases.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall maliciously set fire to and burn any untenanted dwelling house, such person shall, on conviction thereof, be confined in the penitentiary for a term not less than two years nor more than ten years.

Penalty for burning untenanted houses &c.